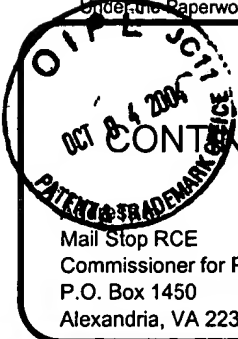


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Art Unit	1645
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**AMENDMENT AND RCE IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE
ACTION MAILED 06/02/2004**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of June 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below, in accordance with revised amendment practice, 37 CFR 1.121, effective July 30, 2003. A complete listing of all claims, replacing all prior claims in the application, and including the text of all non-cancelled claims, is attached.

This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a Transmittal Form, a Fee Transmittal Form, a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), a Request For Continued Examination Transmittal, a check for \$440.00 and a postcard. A one month Extension of Time from 09/02/2004 to 10/02/2004 is requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.